

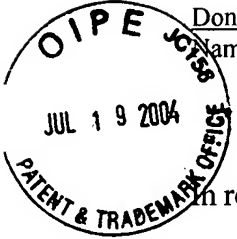
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FOR: METHOD OF PREPARING A STERILE WATER CONTAINING HYPOCHLOROUS OR CHLOROUS ACID, PACKAGE OF STERILE SOURCE MATERIALS, AND STERILE WATER PREPARATION KIT

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

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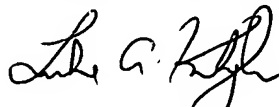
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